

3. (Twice Amended) A method for the treatment of goods with carbon dioxide and nitrogen comprising: generating said carbon dioxide and nitrogen at a location of said goods by washing, filtering, cooling and catalysing of other gas sources, wherein said goods are located in oil extraction plants and the gas source of the carbon dioxide and nitrogen is obtained from an exhaust from at least one boiler in the oil extraction plants.

5. (Amended) A method for the treatment of goods with carbon dioxide and nitrogen according to claim 1, wherein said goods are located in a ship transportation vessel and the gas source of the carbon dioxide and nitrogen is a stack of said ship connected to said source of motive power for the ship.

Please cancel Claims 2 and 4 without prejudice and without abandonment of the subject matter contained therein.

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Amendment the claims under consideration are Claims 1 and 5. Claims 2-4 have been removed from consideration hereby.

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The claims have been amended to more definitely and fully claim the subject matter of Applicant's invention. Applicant urges that the above Amendment introduces no new matter into this Patent Application.

Per Paragraph 1 of the Detailed Action, Claim 2 stands as rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claim 2 has been removed from consideration thereby obviating this rejection.

Per Paragraph 3 of the Detailed Action, Claims 1-5 stand as rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as anticipated by Banks et al. (U.S. Patent 5,300,266; hereinafter "Banks"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections with respect to the remaining claims. Claims 1 and 5 presently require that the goods be located in a transportation vessel, and that the motive source for the transportation vessel be the source of the other gases (i.e., the source of the nitrogen and carbon dioxide). Applicant respectfully submits that Banks does not fairly teach such a synergistic transportation vessel arrangement, but instead merely references that its means for combustion is transportable and self-contained (Col. 5, lines 53-55) and can be integrated with "other power sources." Such a teaching, if a teaching at all, is so broad as to be without meaning with respect to the present invention. Thus, Banks makes no mention of integrating a containment vessel for the goods with its

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combustion means in order to drive the containment vessel and derive the preservation gases from one source doing both of these functions.

With respect to Claim 3, Applicant respectfully submits that Banks makes no mention of oil extraction plants housing the goods or using a boiler as the source of the other gases from which the nitrogen and carbon dioxide are derived. It appears that the Detailed Action is equating the combustion device (Fig. 1, ref. no. 1; Col. 4, line 62) of Banks with the specifically claimed boiler source of Claim 3. Again, Banks does not fairly teach such a synergistic containment vessel/oil extraction arrangement, but instead merely references that its means for combustion (e.g., Col. 4, lines 62-64) is transportable and self-contained (Col. 5, lines 53-55) and can be integrated with "other power sources." Such a teaching, if a teaching at all, is so broad as to be without meaning. Thus, Banks makes no mention of integrating a containment vessel/oil extraction arrangement for the goods with its combustion means in order to power/heat the boiler and derive the preservation gases from one source doing both of these functions.

Applicant sincerely believes that this Patent Application is now placed in condition for allowance.

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Favorable consideration is requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for the treatment of goods with carbon dioxide and nitrogen comprising: generating said carbon dioxide and nitrogen at a location of said goods by washing, filtering, cooling and catalysing of other gas sources; and wherein said location of said goods is a transportation vessel, said transportation vessel having a source of motive power generating said other gas sources.

3. (Twice Amended) A method for the treatment of goods with carbon dioxide and nitrogen [according to claim 2] comprising: generating said carbon dioxide and nitrogen at a location of said goods by washing, filtering, cooling and catalysing of other gas sources, wherein said goods are located in oil extraction plants and the gas source of the carbon dioxide and nitrogen is obtained from an exhaust from at least one boiler in the oil extraction plants.

5. (Amended) A method for the treatment of goods with carbon dioxide and nitrogen according to claim [2] 1, wherein said goods are located in a ship transportation vessel and the gas source of the carbon dioxide and nitrogen is a stack of said ship connected to said source of motive power for the ship.